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DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY OFFICIAL
VERSION WILL FOLLOW:

Q: A HIGHLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL ACCOUNT OF A THREE-PAGE
SANITIZED VERSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S CASE FOR CUBAN
RESPONSIBILITY IN THE KATANGESE INVASION OF ZAIRE APPEARED
IN THE PAPERS THIS MORNING.

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IS THE ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TO RELEASE THAT DOCUMENT
PUBLICLY?

A: NO. YOU KNOW I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO ADD
ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID. I KNOW OF NO PLANS TO RELEASE ANY
PURPORTED DOCUMENT.

Q: IS THE VERSION THAT WE READ THIS MORNING IN "THE
WASHINGTON POST" ACCURATE?

A: I SAID IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION YESTERDAY WHEN I WAS
ASKED ABOUT A STORY WHICH APPARENTLY DETAILED SOME OF
THE INFORMATION THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO THIS GOVERNMENT,
THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD SIMILAR INFORMATION; AND
THAT THAT WAS THE KIND OF INFORMATION, PARTIALLY, THAT
WE HAD BEEN BASING OUR STATEMENTS ON.

Q: WELL, CAN YOU SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT THIS MUCH MORE
DETAILED ACCOUNT? THE ACCOUNT WITH THE INITIALS "H.E.H."
ON IT, IN THE CORNER.

A: YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK I EVEN READ THAT STORY --

BUT THIS IS THE KIND OF INFORMATION, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE VARIOUS STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN BASED UPON. IT IS NOT THE ENTIRE INFORMATION UPON WHICH THESE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN BASED.

Q: AN UPDATE ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN MISSION IN SALISBURY?

A: AT THE MOMENT IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TWO GENTLEMEN CAME TO SALISBURY, I THINK LAST MONDAY OR TUESDAY. THEY WILL BE REMAINING THERE UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK; AND THINK THEY WILL GO TO VISIT CERTAIN FRONT-LINE STATE CAPITALS.

AND THEIR PURPOSE, QUITE OBVIOUSLY, IS TO SEE WHETHER THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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CAN BRING ABOUT SOME CLARIFICATION ON, OR SOME NARROWING OF DIFFERENCES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING TO RESOLVE THAT SITUATION.

Q: WHO IS THAT? IS THAT LOW AND GRAHAM?

A: YES.

Q: AND DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ZAMBIAN ACCUSATION THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY IS BUILDING UP ON THE ZAMBIAN BORDER?

A: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH COULD INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRM OR DENY THAT STATEMENT.
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